

power plant is being taken up which will be used for further research in the subject and also help in determining techno-economic viability of such projects.

Renewable Energy Project under India-Canada Environment Facility Initiative

1133. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Canadian Government have granted Rs. 20.2 crore for a renewable energy project in Karnataka under the India-Canada Environment Facility initiative;
- (b) if so, the number of villages proposed to be covered under the above project;
- (c) whether villages of Bellary Lok Sabha Constituency are being covered under the above project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) Under India-Canada Environment Facility an amount of US\$ 2,495,000/- has been sanctioned for the project. This at the present rupee dollar exchange rate of Rs. 46.37 per dollar, works out to about Rs. 11.57 crore.

- (b) 24 villages in Tumkur District are proposed to be covered under the project.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.